



ocket No.: 4481-022

*D. Hanner*  
#24  
8-2003  
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Manfred BERNDT

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/598,890 ✓

Filed: June 22, 2000

For: SUPPLY ELEMENT FOR A LABORATORY MICROCHIP

RECEIVED

AUG 15 2003

TC 1700

Group Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: GORDON, BRIAN R.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee.

CERTIFICATION PARAGRAPH

The undersigned certifies that no item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart

08/13/2003 MBELETE1 00000080 09598890  
01 FC:1806 180.00 OP

foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR 1.97(e)(2)).

A credit card authorization form in the amount of \$180.00 is attached. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 07-1337.

Respectfully submitted,

**LOWE HAUPTMAN GILMAN & BERNER, LLP**



Henry M. Zykorie  
Registration No. 27,477

for Allan M. Lowe  
Registration No. 19,641

1700 Diagonal Road, Suite 310  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
(703) 684-1111 AML/pjc  
Facsimile: (703) 518-5499  
**Date: August 11, 2003**